

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 26, 2007, having a period for response extended by three (3) months by the filing of a Request for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time, and in advance of the resumption of prosecution pursuant to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, both of said Requests having been filed on June 26, 2008, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.